3.7.96	6901.95	1592.76
2.9.97	7958.29	1056.34
1.2.99	8944.21	985.92

Notes:—

1 Ex Storage Point Prices are Exclusive of Excise Duty Effective 1.3.1994.

2 No Changes in Retail Selling Price on 1.3.1994 as a Result of Restructuring of excise duty.

Expansion Work at Haldia Oil Refinery

1052. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing capacity of Haldia Oil Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) capacity proposed to be augmented, new products envisaged in the "major expansion work" as reported in the news-item "Package for Bengal announced" in Business Standard, Calcutta dated 11.2.99;

(c) the Estimated cost, completion time, zero date of the expansion project; and

(d) whether PIB clearance has been obtained; and if not, the tentative project schedule as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHIR SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:) (a) The exsiting installed capacity of Haldia Refinery is 3.75 MMTPA.

(b) Following major expansion projects are under implementation at Haldia Refinery.

(i) A new Vacuum distillation Unit (VDU)
(ii) NMP Extraction Unit.
(iii) Incorporation of ROSE technology in propane Deashalting Unit.
(iv) Production Facilities of Micro-Crystalline Wax as New product.
(v) Fluidised Catalytic Crackihg Unit (FCCU).

(c) and (d) Estimated cost, Completion schedule, Zero date and status of PIB clearance is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Products Under Implementation

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. Crore)	Date of Final Approval	Compietion Time	Approving Authority
1.	New Vacuum Distillation Unit	90.0	28.1.98	36 Months From Approval: Feb' 2001	IOC Board
2.	New NMP Extraction Unit	45.0	4.4.96	30 Months From Approval-Under Commissioning	IOC Board

3.	ROSE Technology In PDA	44.0	10.10.96	36 Months From Approval-Oct'99	IOC Board
4.	Facilities for Micro-Crystalline Wax	35.0	4.4.96	36 Months From Approval-April' 99	IOC Board
5.	Fluidised Catalytic Cracking Unit	507.0	15.2.99	39 Months From Approval: May' 2002	CCEA (PIB approved)

Products Under Approval:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. Crore)	Date of Final Approval	Completion Time	Approving Authority
1.	Catalytic Iso-dewaxing unit	395.0	Stage-I approval on 25.2.99. Fianl approval after DFR submission.	36 Months From Approval	IOC Board

CBM Project in North Raniganj

1053. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) present status of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) projects taken up by ONGC;

(b) whether ONGC had applied for CBM exploration in North Raniganj block in West Bengal;

(c) whether ONGC has been asked to take up the exploration; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in CBM exploration in North Raniganj block?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) ONGC is pursuing CBM exploration in the country for the past few years. 3 wells have been drilled of which 2 are in Raniganj basin, West Bengal and 1 is in Jharia basin, Bihar.

(b) to (d) ONGC has applied to the State Government of West Bengal for grant of Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) for CBM exploration in North Raniganj. Approval of Central Govt. for the grant of PEL to ONGC has been conveyed to the State Government. ONGC would commence exploration